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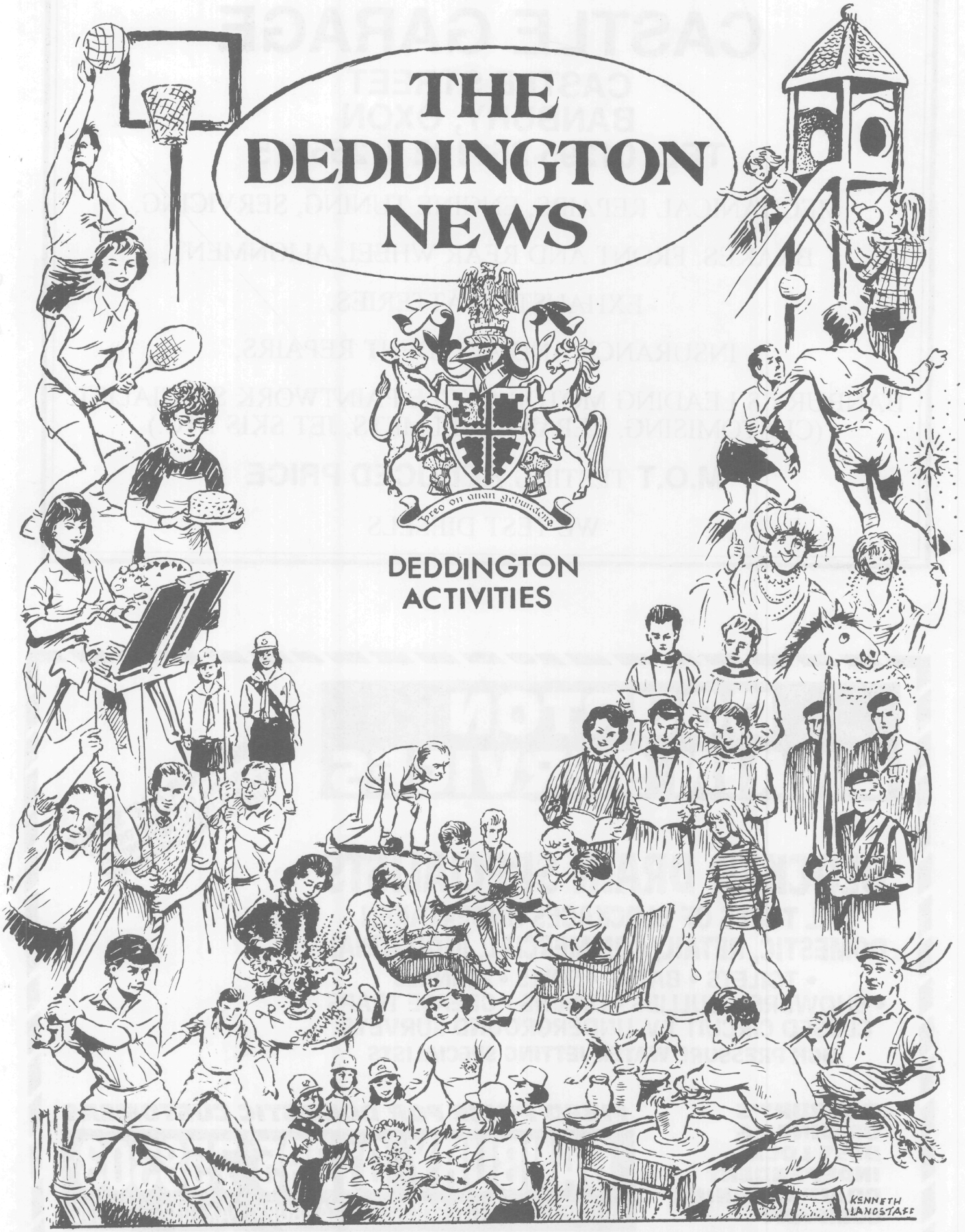


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## EDITORIAL

If you're concerned for one of Oxon's few remaining "lungs" and have followed the rumblings over the fate of RAF Upper Heyford, you may take some comfort from the OCC's recently published County Structure Plan. From sundry options they have come down in favour of a community of about 1000 dwellings, including 300 already there. (One option was for 5000 dwellings, the equivalent of about six Deddingtons!) Cherwell DC are bidding that some of the remaining area should be used for a British Academy of Sport - a great idea in terms of employment, prestige and much-needed encouragement for the nation's talented youngsters. Let's hope.

All this relates to the period 2001-2011. In the meantime there is the Millennium and our own plans. An imaginative new one for a map created by and for Deddingtonians is outlined on p.3. More details for the planting of Daeda's Wood (p.10) will be in the November DN.

The approach (!) of Christmas is marked by a flurry of bazaars and lunches (pp. 4, 10, 11). There are items of special interest to lovers of animals (p.6), the stage (p.8), nature (p.10), gardening (p.11) and local history (p.12). And your help, as always, would be welcome for various projects. Finally, well done everyone who contributed to that fantastic total of Sainsbury school vouchers (p.4) - and the noble soul who counted them!

Sylvie Spenceley

OCTOBER DIARY.

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| Fridays | | Coffee mornings in aid of Katharine House, Parish Church, 10 - 12. |
| Sundays | | British Legion, Bingo at 8 pm. |
| Fr | 4 | Carers' Drop-in, Deddington Health Centre, 3-4 pm. |
| Fr | 4 | British Legion: Folk Night, free admission. |
| Sat | 5 | Bowls Club Race Night, Steeple Aston Village Hall, 7.30 pm. (P.8) |
| Sat | 5 | Jumble/Nearly New Sale, School Hall, 10-12 noon.(p.4) |
| Sun | 6 | Deddington Players meeting for all interested in the Panto, The Windmill Centre,3 pm. (P.8) |
| Tu | 8 | WI: Mrs D Edginton, Fifty Years a Farmer's Wife, Holly Tree, 7.30 pm. |
| Sat | 12 | British Legion: 50's & 60's Party Night with Solo Sound. Admission £1. |
| Tu | 15 | Adrian Snell Concert, Oxford Town Hall, 7.30 pm. (See Sept DN) |
| Wed | 16 | U3A: Community Health Care, Mrs Clare Lament, Windmill Centre, 2.30 pm. |
| Wed | 16 | Parish Council Meeting, Town Hall, 7.30 pm. |
| Fr | 18 | British Legion: disco with Solo Sound . Admission £1. |
| Sat | 19 | British Legion: Group Night with FBI. Members £1, non-members £1.50. |
| Mon | 21 | Cherwell DC Sports Roadshow 1-3pm, Windmill Centre (p.12) |
| Tu | 22 | **COPY DATE FOR NOVEMBER DEDDINGTON NEWS.** |
| Th | 24 | Little Angel Theatre; The Ugly Duckling, The Windmill Centre, 3.00pm.(pp.6, 13) |
| Sat | 26 | British Legion: The Small Print, Versatile Group. Members £1, non-members £1.50. |
| Wed | 30 | U3A: Annual General Meeting and Cheese and Wine, Windmill Centre, 2.30 pm. |

NOVEMBER DIARY

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| Fr | 1 | British Legion: Folk Night, free admission. |
| Fr | 1 | Firework Party & Bonfire at the School. (p.4) |
| Sat | 2 | British Legion: 50's & 60's Party Night with Solo Sound, admission £1. |
| Sat | 2 | Deddington Ladies' Christmas Bazaar, Holly Tree. (p.10) |
| Sat | 9 | Craft Fair at the School, 10am-4pm. (p.4) |
| Tu | 12 | WI: Mrs Joan Cook, Ideas for Decorating Your Christmas Cake, Holly Tree, 7.30pm. |
| Wed | 13 | U3A: Work in the 'Met', Mr Basil Lawrence, Windmill Centre, 7.30pm. |
| Fr | 15 | Oxford Concert Party, Baroque & Tango, Windmill Centre, 7.30pm. (p.6) |
| Fr | 15 | Christmas lunch in aid of Imperial Cancer Research Fund, with stalls, Windmill Centre.(p.13) |
| Tu | 19 | **COPY DATE FOR DECEMBER DEDDINGTON NEWS.** |
| Wed | 20 | Parish Council Meeting, Town Hall, 7.30pm. |
| Fr | 22 | Ralph McTell Concert, Parish Church. (p.5) |
| Sun | 24 | Community Tree Planting Day, Daeda's Wood.(p.10) |
| Wed | 27 | U3A: The Origin & Meaning of the Mace, The Mayor of Banbury, Windmill Centre, 2.30pm. |

# DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Notes on Meeting held in the Town Hall on Wednesday, 18 September** attended by Cllrs Todd (chair), Brewer, Clarke, Cosgrove, Drake, Flux, Hill, Lee, Oddy, Stevens, Swash and Coun Cllr Matthews.

**EDUCATION GRANTS:** Cllr Todd presented £100 cheques out of his Chairman's Allowance to Suzanne Day of Field Barn Cottages (pharmacy) and Joanne Soddy of Hudson Street (French & Italian). Craig Haller of Deddington Mill (European marketing) will also receive a cheque for £100. Cllr Todd wished them all well.

**CRICKET SQUARE:** Mr Mark Ryland of The Daedings addressed PC. For the past two years he has helped to tend the cricket square. He feels the contractor has not complied with the maintenance schedule and he asked if the PC could manage the contract more efficiently by matching work to invoices. The Cttee will look into it..

**FINANCIAL PLANNING:** At the Clerk's invitation, Mr Robert McIlroy addressed the meeting on possible alternative ways of investing PC funds to ensure capital growth and higher interest. Mr McIlroy is an independent financial planning consultant. He recommended investment in unit trusts to give a rising level of income and capital growth, which would finance present expenditure and fund future projects, whilst protecting the sum invested. The scheme has been approved by the District Auditor as an acceptable alternative investment to building society deposits. Mr McIlroy answered penetrating questions from cllrs, who then decided to look in more detail at this scheme and other ways of investing £200,000 (40%) of the PC's assets.

**RECREATION & GRANTS :** 1. Cllrs debated at length the future of the badly vandalised pavilion at the Castle Grounds, after hearing Deddington Colts were moving to the Windmill Centre. The FC, which owns the pavilion, had offered to demolish it, or to hand it over to the PC. Banbury United Colts had offered to repair the building if they could use the pitches free of charge. This would mean PC taking ownership of and being responsible for the pavilion. After hearing of its dilapidated state, the cost of maintenance and parking problems cllrs agreed, on the casting vote of the chairman, to decline the offer from Banbury Colts. 2. Cllr Lee reported that English Heritage wants PC to take over management of the entire Castle Grounds site on a five year agreement. Cttee will look further into the proposals. 3. Cricket Club used its grant from PC to buy a mower rather than the specified roller. CC to pay any surplus balance to PC. 4. Cllr Drake suggested awarding the allotment competition prizes in the pub on a Thursday evening.

**ENVIRONMENT:** 1. Deddington was second in its class in the Best Kept Village competition; judging in the first round of the Best Kept War Memorial competition has now taken place and Cllr Stevens disagreed with the judges' comments about the "run-down churchyard extension". She added: "Mr Boss looks after it very well." 2. Deddington has received a certificate for "Getting a Grip on Litter" during National Spring Clean Week. PC to write letter of thanks to Brownies for their efforts. 3. Letter from CDC in response to complaints about poor standards of cleanliness surrounding re-cycling banks in lay-by. Area now inspected and cleaned twice a week, and PC to ask CDC to supply litter bin. 4. Cttee to investigate cost of replacing stolen seat in Clifton Road. 5. PC has not paid invoices for repairs to church clock because of apparent discrepancies following fire at company's premises. £600 to be paid on account, with the balance to follow when cttee has clarified certain points.

**HIGHWAYS:** 1. OCC is now monitoring and photographing the car parking around the former chapel in Clifton and Pc Donohue is also monitoring it. Several letters from residents called for urgent action; one writer blamed the problem on CDC's decision to allow change of use at the chapel. Letters to be passed to OCC and CDC. 2. OCC has inspected surface of Clifton Road footpath, which "looks in reasonable condition." PC has now received numerous letters from Clifton residents, who feels Clifton is being neglected. Letters to be passed to Cllr Colley, with a recommendation that all writers now also write to OCC. C/Cllr Matthews said OCC could not afford to re-surface the footpath as there were "other pressing needs". PC agreed to look into an offer from Euro Business Support Systems to try and obtain EC grant for the footpath. The firm charges £295, repayable if the application is unsuccessful, plus 5% of any grant awarded. OCC confirmed it would accept grant money and quoted £80,000 for a 1.5 mile footpath and cycle track. 3. Energis contractors are to return and re-seed verges. Clerk to write a strong letter to Energis, referring to litter, damage to trees and hedgerows, and disputing the company's reason for routing the work through the village centre. 4. Letter from Pc Donohue about illegal parking outside the Deddington Arms, suggesting a barrier in the form of flower tubs. Cttee to examine various options. 5. Plans for Earls Lane traffic calming chicane are now with OCC and work should start by end of year.

**PLANNING & PROPERTY:** 1. Letter from Mr Murphy of The Tchure, who was not happy that PC's previous discussion about his wall was reported in DN. The wall was taken down at CDC's request, and will be re-built. 2. At 10.35pm Cllr Oddy withdrew from meeting to enable cllrs to debate his application for further development at The Deddington Arms. DN also left at this stage because of the late hour. **(Information in the remainder of this report was supplied by the Clerk).** The main proposal at The Deddington Arms is to convert two cottages into two-storey accommodation with an archway through to the back courtyard, with all access from Horsefair. Cllrs agreed a footpath is required alongside the access to the car park, and emergency access is required at the northern end of the site. They also want to know the area of the hotel patio and they expressed surprise that no extra employment would

## DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL cont.

be created despite the 13 extra bedrooms. They were also concerned at the likely increase in service vehicles.

**WINDMILL CENTRE:** Cllr Flux reported use of the Centre continues to rise, and there is now a contract with Deddington Town FC Colts. The cttee felt the cricket outfield was in good condition.

**PARISH FUNDS:** £450,000 (Bradford & Bingley @ 6.5%), £100,000 (Treasury Deposit @ 5 3/16%), £23,558 (@ 3 5/8%), £5,294 @ 21/4%). Total funds: £578,852.

**WOODLAND TRUST** has reimbursed PC's underwritten sum of £892 and Cllr Flux reported that new woodland would be called Daeda's Wood. Cllrs appreciated the plans for the wood, and planting will begin in November.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** The low cost housing scheme planning application will be submitted by the end of the year and work should begin before the end of March 1997.

**MEETING CLOSED** at about 11.30pm. **NEXT MEETING:** 16 October at 7.30pm in the Town Hall.

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## A MAP TO MARK THE MILLENNIUM?

If you live or work in Clifton, Deddington or Hempton, what would you miss most if it disappeared from your village? What do you, personally, really value? All over the country, people are asking themselves questions like these. It's all part of the **Parish Maps Project** which is promoted by the charity Common Ground, and supported by national and local organisations.

Several parishes in Oxfordshire, Warwickshire and Northamptonshire have already produced maps. We think our parish deserves its own. You can see how Charlbury and Chadlington have done it - their maps are on display in Deddington Library, 7-24 October. Do please go and see them, but bear in mind that, excellent though they are, other approaches can work equally well. For instance, Chesterton opted for a pair of maps, contrasting their parish as it was in 1758 with how it is today. Chapel Brampton settled on three maps, depicting farms and fields in 1584, 1935 and 1985, all meticulously drawn. Orlingbury's effort is bolder and simpler, being constructed entirely of textiles. One parish has started to make pottery models of its buildings: these will eventually be assembled into a three-dimensional map.

The Deddington Map could be quite different from any of these. At this early stage, the only certainty is that it ought to show what you want it to show. Pubs and clubs, field names and footpaths, buildings and businesses, clinics, children's activities, green spaces, wildlife, highlights of history - any or all of these are possible, and many more besides.

Do you like the idea of producing and publishing a special map that illustrates what our parish is all about? It could, perhaps, be a way of marking the Millennium. If there is enough interest, we will get down to some serious organising, calling on all the help we can get. It depends on you and what you want. Please contact one of us and let us know what you think. BUFFY HEYWOOD, Deddington Manor, New Street; BETTY HILL, Leadenporch House, New Street; NORMAN STONE, The Stone House, Market Place.


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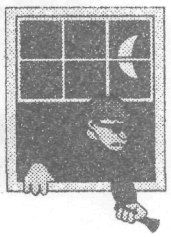

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The Sainsbury's "Schoolbags" promotion is now over. More than 22,000 vouchers were given to the school which is a tremendously high figure. This was sufficient to purchase a new computer, but we decided to use the money for books and a wide selection of educational equipment and teaching aids, worth over £1000. I am extremely grateful to everyone in the Deddington community who helped us in this venture.

The collection of newspaper at the school has not begun satisfactorily due to the inability of the company to provide a larger bin and more frequent collections. We are hopeful that these "teething" troubles will soon be resolved. The situation is being kept under review and we thank you for bearing with us.

Finally, I have two requests from the Governors. Firstly, application forms are now available from the school office for parents of children who will start school in the next academic year (1997-8). This applies to children born between September 1992 and August 1993. We would like to have received all applications by the end of January 1997. Secondly, the Governors require a clerk to take minutes at their meetings six times a year. If you are able to assist, please have a word with the Chair of Governors, Rev. Ken Reeves, or myself. **Peter Goringe, Headteacher**

## ....and from the P.T.A.

This is my final report as Chair of the PTA. Our AGM is on Oct 2. We have certainly gone out with a **bang** this year having raised £6295 (net profit), thrashing last year's record of £4846. We've now fulfilled our original objectives. The school hall was decorated during the summer (our thanks to Mark Rogers for such a good job) and the gym equipment duly ordered. Our sincere thanks for support to all individuals, societies and business too numerous to name.

Future dates for your diary: **Jumble/Nearly New Sale, School Hall, Oct. 5, 10am-noon**; admission 20 p. Please bring jumble to the school. **Firework Party, Nov. 1:** gates open 6.30pm, fireworks start 7pm. Bar and Bar-B-Q as usual and, by popular request, return of the BONFIRE; adults £2, children 50 p. **Craft Fair, Nov. 9, 10am-4pm** Ideas for Christmas gifts; many stalls include Body Shop, PTA Cake Stall (contributions gratefully received), School Book Fair (buy 2 books, school get one free) Cards, Gift Wrap, Decorations, etc. Adults 50 p, children free.

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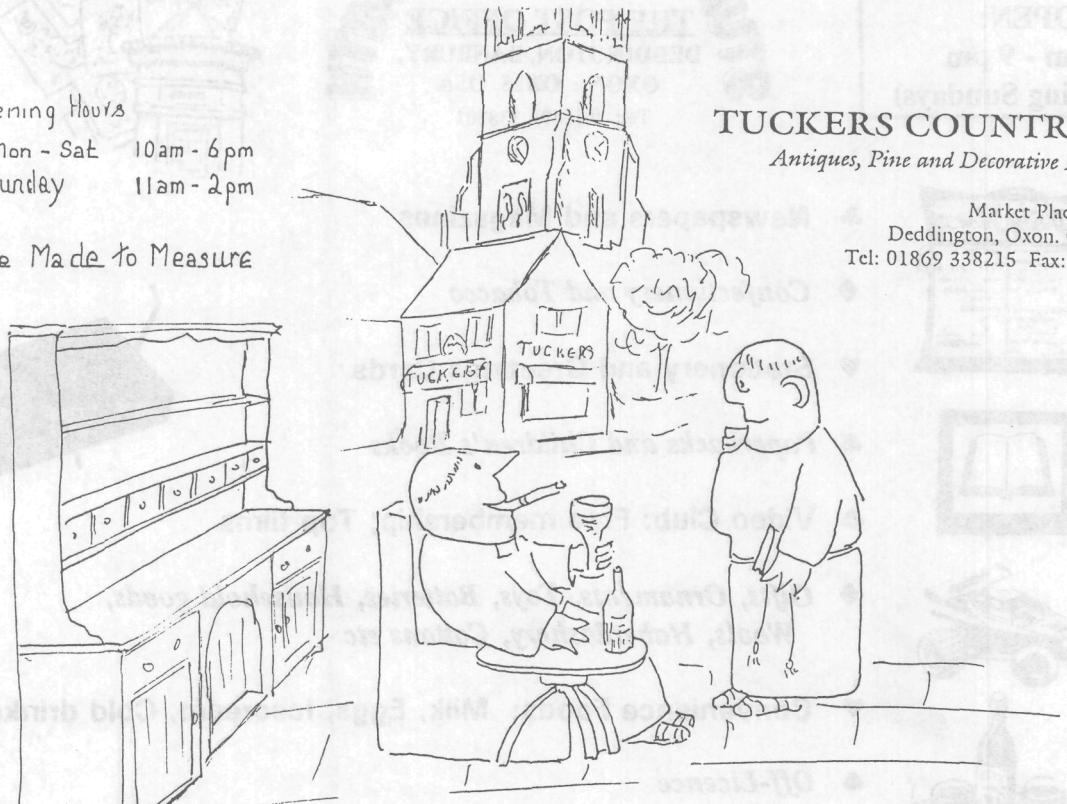


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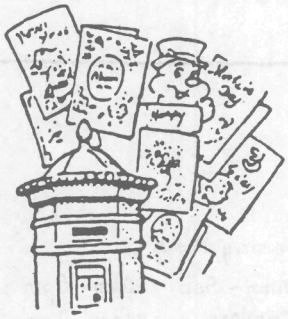

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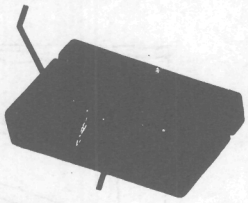

# CHURCH AND CHAPEL

## ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL, DEDDINGTON AND ST. JOHN, HEMPTON.

October Services.

Sun 6 10.30am HARVEST FESTIVAL FAMILY SERVICE jointly with Deddington Primary School. Speaker: Mr John Cooke from Farm Africa. (Please take gifts of fruit, vegetables, flowers, tins etc to the church on Fri 4 Oct 2-5pm or Sat 5 Oct 9-10am or to the service). At this service Rick Sanders of Fairport Convention will be playing the violin.

Wed 9 10am Holy Communion.

Thu 10 3pm Holy Communion in St Anne's Home, Clifton.

Sun 13 10.30am Sung Eucharist. 6pm Oxfordshire Young Farmers' Clubs' Harvest Festival Service.

Wed 16 10am Holy Communion.

Sat 19 4pm Banbury Branch of Oxford Diocesan Bellringers' Service followed by tea and a meeting. Bells will be rung before the service and after the meeting till 8.45pm.

Sun 20 8am Holy Communion (BCP). 10.30am Sung Mattins (BCP).

Wed 23 Holy Communion followed by Healing Service.

Sun 27 10.30am Sung Eucharist for All Saints and All Souls (1 & 2 Nov).

Wed 30 10am Holy Communion.

NB *Sun 3 November 10.30am* Family Pets' Service (See below for details).

October Services (*St John, Hempton*).

Sun 6 & 20 9am Eucharist.

Sun 27 6pm Evensong (BCP).

Sun 3 November 9am Eucharist.

Deddington Church Harvest Lunch after the Harvest Festival Service at 10.30am on 6 October. There will be a sale of produce in aid of Farm Africa and a lunch in the church. Tickets £3 with concessions for families. Please get tickets in advance from Josie Stevens ("The Sycamores", Hempton Rd. Tel 338305).

Children's Church (3-8yrs) and Junior Club (8 -12yrs) would welcome more children. On Sun 6 October they will come to Deddington Parish Church at 10.30am for the Harvest Festival, other Sundays in October meeting in Deddington School at 10.30am. Just turn up or further details from Debbie Welford (338484).

Youth Fellowship (Over 12 years) will have a Laser Quest trip on Sun 13 October (Saints v Sinners in hi-tec battle!). Sun 27 Oct 7.30pm meet in 16, Broad Close, Barford St Michael to discuss "Missionaries: Spreading the Good News or Cultural Imperialism?" Further details from Rev Edmund Newell (338988).

Bible Study Meetings Monday 14 October at 2pm in 15 Grove Court (Mrs Ridd).

Wednesdays 9, 16 October 8pm in "The Sycamores", Hempton Rd and 23 October 8pm in Deddington Church. The Monday group is studying "Acts of the Apostles" and the Wednesday group, "St Matthew". Ring Vicar for further information.

Stone Cross over Deddington Church porch has been placed there in memory of Bruce Tribbett, who bequeathed money to the church and requested the restoration of the cross.

Ralph McTell Concert in Deddington Church on Fri 22 November at 7.30pm. Tickets £9 from Tuckers Country Stores in the Market Place.

Congratulations to Daisy Shrewsbury on being a member of the Mothers' Union for 50 years. A service to mark the occasion was held on 27 August in Deddington Church.

Family Pets' Service Sun 3 November in Deddington Church. You are invited to bring your family pet(s) to church for a short service and blessing. Special speaker: Richard Musgrave, Manager of the new RSPCA Centre at Blackberry Farm, Quainton.

**FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS:**

BAPTISMS: 1 September in Deddington: ANNABEL GRACE BURKILL and GEORGE HILARY PROTHEROE.

WEDDING 21 September in Deddington: GARY ALAN MARK GUNTRIP and DEBORAH CAROLINE ROSE.

FUNERAL: 13 September in Deddington Church LEONARD GEORGE (BILL) COPPLESTON, aged 74 years.

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Sun 20 10.30am - Steve English
Sun 27 10.30am - Rev John Woodward Court of Brailes

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**CHURCH AND CHAPEL cont.**

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Parish Priest: Rev A. J. BURNS (277396)

**TRIBUTES.**

"BILL" COPPLESTON aged 74 years. Although Bill was not from Deddington he was well-known in the town and an adopted "Deddingtonian", visiting here regularly for over 30 years. We extend our sympathy to Rose, David and other members of the family. EDMUND NEWELL.

MARION SYLVIA SCOTT aged 79 years. It is with sadness that we record the death of Marion Scott who came to Deddington to live with her daughter, Jenny Elkan, in 1992. She was born in Maida Vale, London, and on leaving Grammar School she joined the John Lewis Group, where she became the youngest ever buyer and designer, subsequently designing uniforms for the Women's Armed Forces. After the death of her husband, Louis, she moved here and soon became enchanted by the village and its friendly "natives"! (I, in turn, was equally enchanted by my brilliant, talented and elegant neighbour. E.T.). We extend our sympathy to Jenny, Trevor and her grandchildren. ELIZABETH TOTHILL (CHURCH EDITOR).

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**Deddington Charity Concert, September 1 - Thanks for Support!** £450 was raised thanks to the help of many people and the 150+ music lovers who attended. Cheques for £150 each have been presented to the Church, Katharine House Hospice and the Imperial Cancer Research Fund. Thanks to the Crown & Tuns, The Unicorn, The Blacksmiths Forge and the Deddington Arms for donating the wines; to John Parkinson for moving the piano and Mr. Hopkins from Twyford for tuning it; to Rev. Ken Reeves for allowing us use of the Church; and to Centrepoint for their sponsorship and help. Most of all thanks to everyone who came, to those who displayed the posters, and to all the brilliant musicians who made it a very special evening. **Alex Soddy**

**RSPCA DOG & CAT RE-HOMING** The Oxfordshire branch of the RSPCA is now using the newly built Animal Home at Quainton, near Aylesbury, as its centre for re-homing dogs and other domestic animals. This new Home, with its own clinic, is staffed by RSPCA trained personnel and is open to the public daily, except Wed, 11 am-4 pm. It is only 40 minutes drive from Deddington and well worth a visit. (Ed. note: see also 'Family Pets' Service, p.5.) If there is anybody out there who would like to give a home to a rescued animal please contact Ted Johnson on 01869-338355 or the Animal Home direct on 01296-655073.
The RSPCA Emergency control tel no. 0990-555999 should only be used to alert the Inspectorate of actual or suspected cruelty or suffering cases, and not for seeking information on re-homing procedure.

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**WINDMILL CENTRE** This season the junior football teams will be playing at the Windmill on a second pitch to be marked out to the south of the cricket square. The Windmill Committee is pleased that another local club will become a regular user of this excellent Parish facility.
During the school half-term we welcome the return of **The Angel Theatre** with another children's show, "The Ugly Duckling" (see p.13). Tickets (£1.75) will be available from Tuckers or by phoning 338153. On November 15 the **Oxford Concert Party**, with their Baroque and Tango music, will make a return visit to Deddington, this time at the Windmill Centre. Two further shows are planned for next March. **Jim Flux**

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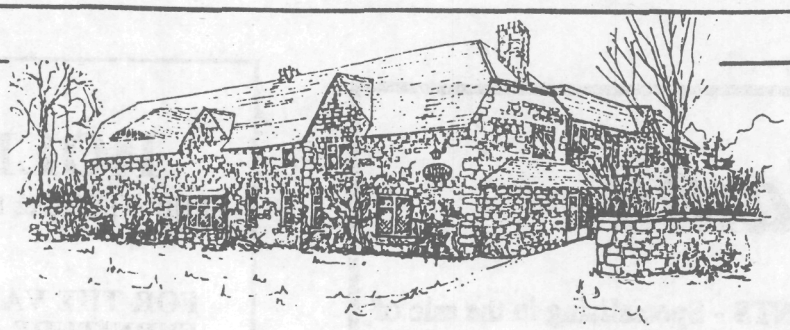

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# CALLING ALL CLUBS

## DEDDINGTON WI

Our first meeting after the summer break was on 10 September when members met at the Holly Tree Club to hear Mrs. J.Rendell speak about her life behind the Chemist Counter. She was one of six children of the family who ran the business and who lived over the shop and were involved in the running of it. She had many interesting anecdotes to tell and members enjoyed her unusual subject. On 8 October the speaker will be Mrs.D.Edginton who has called her talk " 50 Years a Farmer's Wife" and we look forward to that.

The WI meets on the second Tuesday of each month, 7.30pm at the Holly Tree Club. If you are interested in joining or just having a look, please get in touch with the President, Shirley Gibbs on 338784 for more details.

RENE MAHONY 338438

## UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

At the end of August we were blessed with good weather, pleasant surroundings, scrumptious food and entertaining companions, all of which provided the best ingredients for a very happy and enjoyable garden party. The "icing on the cake" was the debut of the Deddington Bellplate Ensemble, a group of talented ladies, whose repertoire ranged from the classical to the sing-along and whose skills were admired by all. We thank Angela for her kind hospitality.

Mrs.Irene Boscott of the Banbury Talking Newspapers was the first speaker in the Autumn programme and members were most interested in learning about its valuable activities. It is worth noting that the charity will benefit from the pennies earned from the re-using of Sainsbury's carrier bags this year. At the second meeting in September Mr.Aleck MacNair, with the aid of informative leaflets, explained the admirable work of Age Concern. We extend a warm welcome to all retired persons. Please contact me for details.

PAT BRITTAIN 338685

## DEDDINGTON GUIDES

We got the term off to a good start with some energetic games such as Hockey and making stretchers and then racing with them! We managed to fit in a cook-out, just before it got dark and rounded off a lovely evening with camp-fire songs and toasted Marshmallow around the glowing embers. Great stuff!

This week we are planning to start our meeting in the great outdoors when we're holding our own travel show with each Guide having a display of holiday souvenirs and a chance to tell us all about their recent holiday. I was lucky enough to meet Guides in Sri Lanka just recently, so will be able to show lots of photos and souvenirs. It is a very small world and Guiding is very strong in Sri Lanka; hopefully some penfriends will develop.

Each Patrol is also working on various projects of its own.

Any girl of 10 or over is very warmly invited to come along and join in the fun and see what we get up to. Just come along, we'll be very glad to meet you. No obligation, just come and see!

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# CALLING ALL CLUBS cont.

## DEDDINGTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

Saturday 1st Team Results

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Lesme(a) | Won 1-0 | M.Doggett |
| Bloxham Res(a) | Won | Bloxham Res failed to raise a team. |
| Cropredy Res(h) | Won 2-1 | M.Doggett, L.Hayward |

A perfect start to the season, all three games won. Mark Doggett scored in both the games played. A ball wasn't even kicked against Bloxham Res. Lee Hayward scored the side's other goal.

Saturday Reserve Team Results

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Northern Lights(a) | Lost 0-6 | |
| Fenny Compton Res(a) | Won 7-0 | P.Kingham 3, S.Burden 2, W.Cheeseman, P.Mifsud |

A superb performance in the second match. Winning 7-0 against Fenny Compton has made up for the opening match disappointment. Paul Kingham scored a hat trick.

Sunday Side Results

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Enstone(a) | Lost | Deddington failed to raise a team |
| Rylands(h) | Lost 2-3 | D.Applin, A.Hambis |
| Kings Sutton(a) | Won 7-2 | C.Hill 3,A.Hambis 2, S.Burden, N.Stringer |

Let us hope that the emphatic win at King's Sutton is the start of better things after the disappointment of the first two matches. STEVE PLUMBE 01295/278258

FOOTBALL POOLS AGENCY

The club is looking for anyone who would enjoy some gentle, regular exercise and meeting people! We urgently need more collectors for our Pools Agency. The commission earned from this is vital for the Club's finances. We should be grateful to hear from volunteers who can spare about an hour a week to deliver and collect coupons. Please get in touch with John Keys or me. CLIFF SMITH 338647

## DEDDINGTON BOWLS CLUB

It has been an enjoyable outdoor season and club activities continue for the next few months. Now is the time to buy your ticket for the Race Night at Steeple Aston Village Hall on 5 October. This is a real bargain at £3.50 including a hot supper. Tickets are only available in advance. Albert Humphries (338943) has them and he is also arranging some transport. Also watch out for some Quiz Nights at the British Legion Club and some indoor Bowls fixtures as well as our December tour to Weymouth. (See Clubs Section in September Deddington News.) Congratulations to our recent competition winners. Royston Kinch became our Open Singles Champion. Ann Reilly is the Ladies' Singles Champion and Mick Ford the Men's Champion as well as winning the Rule Cup. To cap it all, Ann and Mick were drawn to play together in the mixed doubles which they also went on to win. Ann went on with distinction to be runner up in the Oxfordshire Women's Bowling Association Champion of Champions knockout competition. Trophies will be presented at the Annual Dinner on 26 October at the Deddington Arms - please settle for this by 5 October.

JOHN CLIFFORD 340564

## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Our Harvest Festival was supported generously by local traders and individuals and raised £231.10 for the Branch Funds. Mrs.Di Keats had arranged a wonderful display of gifts and Keith Anderson and Albert Humphries conducted the Auction and Raffle. The Rev.Ken Reeves introduced the proceedings and Mrs.Heather Nason kindly joined us to play the organ. We thank all of these people and the loyal group of members who supported the evening.

Disco and Band nights continue to be well supported and we should all be grateful to the members of all ages who turn up. As a result we have overcome the financial challenges of earlier in the year and are cautiously looking forward to continuous growth and carrying on the Branch's service to Deddington.

November sees our involvement with Poppy Day and Remembrance Sunday. We will once again be asking you all for whatever support you can give us.

ROBIN HARRISON 337361

**DEDDINGTON PLAYERS** : A reminder that the first get together for the Pantomime we hope to put on in January will be at 3 pm at the Windmill on Sunday, October 6. Anybody interested in helping back stage, front of house, or on stage is welcome to come along. If you cannot make this date please ring Jean Flux on 338153 and tell her what your interests are. For information the new curtain has now been ordered and will be installed during the weekend of October 26/27. If you would like to help please ring Jim Flux on 338153 or Nick Lester on 01295-812321. **Jean Flux**

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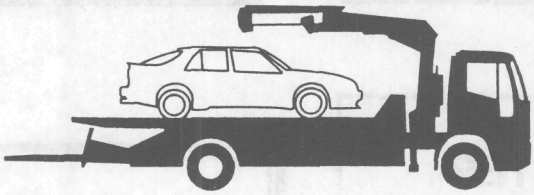

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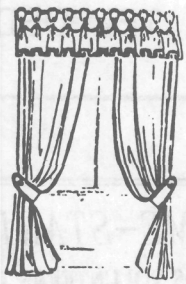

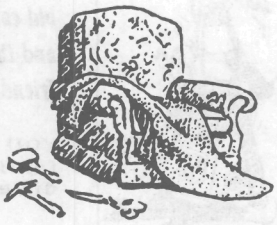

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# FROM THE EDITOR'S POSTBAG

**FROM CLIFF SMITH, DEDDINGTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB**

With the future of the Castle Grounds now under consideration (see PC report, p.2) it is worth while for the record to have a brief note on the origins of the CASTLE GROUNDS PAVILION. This building was first constructed in the 1930s as a cricket pavilion near the Westonbirt arboretum at Tetbury in Gloucestershire. It was acquired for the Deddington Town F.C. by its then President for £60. Dismantled and transported to Deddington, it was re-assembled at the Castle Grounds in time for the 1968/69 season.

This was a remarkable community effort, the like of which it would be difficult to see today. Of the Deddingtonians involved with the project at least two have passed away, but some fifteen are happily still with us.

From the above, readers will appreciate why it was with such regret that the Club decided (since all football is now to be played at the Windmill) that it can no longer afford to continue maintaining the pavilion - which has been quite seriously vandalised recently. The Club would prefer to see it preserved rather than demolished and has offered it free of charge to the PC in the hope that the Council, either directly or through a new user, can restore and preserve the building.

**FROM THE REVD. JOHN BURNS, HOLY TRINITY, HETHE (01869 277396)**

It was good as a newcomer to Oxfordshire to receive a copy of the Deddington News and to see what a lively community the town is. When I arrived a little while ago, Deddington was just a name among the towns and villages which make up the R.C. parish that is administered from Hethe.

Why Hethe ? It is an historical accident that the area between Banbury and Bicester should be centred on a small village. Before 1829 the Catholics worshipped quietly and secretly because of the Penal Laws. They walked miles to quiet villages like Hardwick and Hethe, where Mass could be said more safely. Now, in happier days, the Birmingham Diocese still looks upon Holy Trinity, Hethe, as the official centre and the 'mother church'. Another church was opened at Adderbury, St. George's in Round Close Road, to serve the growing population in the north of the parish.

I was very glad to see that Mass times are included in your Church and Chapel section. I shall be very pleased to make the acquaintance of parishioners in Deddington, and will be available for anyone who would like the Parish Priest to visit them.

**FROM KRISTIN THOMPSON, THE LEYES, DEDDINGTON**

Last month my cat, Peter, disappeared. I sent a note to the DN asking for information. As a result six people phoned me and many others made enquiries. The loss of an anonymous cat is of small moment to anyone except the owner. The DN bothered to print the note and readers took the time and trouble to contact me. Ideally this is how a community should work (but, I suspect, rarely does). I was most touched. My sincere thanks to the DN and its readers.


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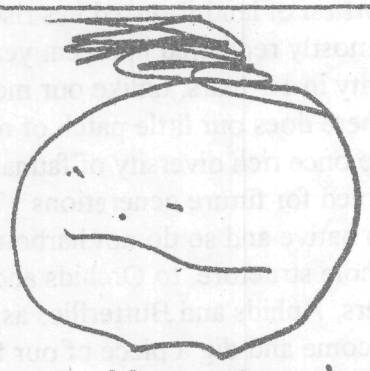

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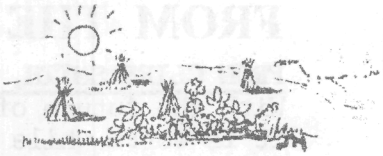

We finished harvest on 1 September, some 15 days later than last year. It was a stop-go season with showery rain and thunder storms causing some problems by making the crops very dusty. There were no major problems with the machinery this year except for one small combine fire but thanks to the high pressure water tanker the damage was limited to some wiring and a hydraulic pipe.
The oil seed rape was planted into ideal seed beds in the 2nd week of September but due to the lack of rain it has not "chitted" yet. The ploughing for winter wheat is well advanced but with the ground so dry we are having to cultivate as soon as the plough has turned it over so that it does not "bake out".
The rams went out on 21 September, so the first lambs should be born in mid-February. The ewes are in very good condition and the rams were very busy in the first few days. We bought in some 150 Mule "thaves" this time as flock replacements. A thave is a one-year-old sheep and a Mule is a cross between a Swaledale ewe and a Bluefaced Leicester ram. But with the combined effects of a high fat lamb trade and many beef farmers changing over to sheep, the trade for breeding sheep is some £25 a head up on last year, so once again, with farming what you gain on the swings you lose on the roundabouts!
The swallows have gone south with the exception of a late brood or two and these will be gone in a few days. Over the last few weeks a pair of buzzards has been seen over the farm, and I can now tell you that the pair of peregrine falcons seen in the Spring did nest and reared 2 chicks. **GEORGE FENEMORE 338203**

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## So who needs a wood anyway ?

**Jamie Robinson** shares some thoughts on **DAEDA'S WOOD**

In the current age of high yield agro-forestry, tropical deforestation and general decline of wild life, a local scheme such as Daeda's Wood helps to lift the spirits of an environmental depressive like myself. It is even more gratifying to think that it has all been made possible by a community - a group of individuals have co-operated and pledged hard cash to help make this happen. Marvellous! As anyone in any voluntary field knows, combining these two factors is no mean feat. Jill Butler and her associates at the Woodland Trust made a deserved commendation to us all on our achievement. It may not seem as though much has happened yet; we still have an open field. But more than anything else it has a design and support!! Above all, it's a design incorporating **our** ideas.
As we approach the millennium, it is interesting to note how much a sea change in attitude this wood really represents. For example a mere 2,000 years ago, the British Isles were completely covered in forest, since gradually eroded by successive waves of plunderers: more recently by sheer population pressure and the postwar, Euro-driven agriculture boom. Although in recent years the total proportion of land forested has risen from the post-World War I low of 0.5% (!) to 10%, what has been mostly replanted in recent years are the highly productive coniferous species which reach maturity in 10 years, unlike our more natural oaks which take anything between 60 and 100 years. So where does our little patch of rebirth fit into all this? Pockets like this provide a vital safe haven for the once rich diversity of fauna and flora on our isle, ensuring that our natural heritage may be preserved for future generations. Though evergreens may be better than no-greens, they are by no means native and so do not harbour the rich variety of life that was once abundant. This applies to the whole structure, to Orchids and Buttercups, Otters (which we hope may return to the area) and Badgers, Aphids and Butterflies as well as the Oak and the Ash.
So.... come and dig a piece of our future on November 24 and plant a tree at Daeda's Wood. There will be about 3500 of them!

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**FROM DEDDINGTON LADIES :** Attention everyone !! Our Christmas Bazaar is on Sat, November 2 at the Holly Tree Club. All the usual stalls will be there including a Christmas stall and raffle with lots of prizes. Refreshments available; admission 10 p. All proceeds as always to the over-60s' Christmas Party, which will be on Sat, December 7 at 1 p.m. Please come and support us. **Jackie Adkins**

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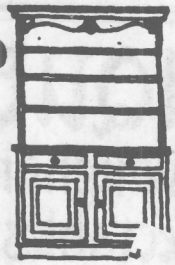

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It's time to think about taking in the perishable goods, and many methods can be used to keep them alive during the winter. I am thinking of geraniums. I met an American gardener this year who just throws the plants out in the autumn and buys a new lot in June. I can't bring myself to do that, although as far as cuttings are concerned I might just as well. With them it's a race between root and rot and the latter always wins. So I keep the rooted plants, pot them up in compost in separate pots, cut them down to two or three shoots and stand them in long plastic trays on window sills until March. I water only once a week, sparingly.
In March they get fertiliser and more water and start growing. That seems to work. Other methods recommended are drying them off and hanging them up in the loft or burying them in dry soil in a cardboard box.
It's also time to pot up outdoor tubs. I like to plant two layers of tulips with pansies on top. The tulips are planted well down. The pansies hold the fort until the bulbs come up, then the whole arrangement is nice and colourful. It's as well to remember to water bulbs occasionally, even in the winter. **MARIANNE ELSLEY**

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**DEDDINGTON DAY CARE** continues to grow with the older folk from around the Parish enjoying their Thursday get-together at the Windmill Centre. Lorraine Gaunt, the organiser, would love to hear from anyone who would like to help during the day or part of the day - Thursdays, 10am-3pm. Please phone Lorraine on 01295-720228 or Jim Flux on 338153. **Jim Flux**

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## Deddington 150 years ago by Buffy Heywood

The diaries of the Rev. W. Cotton Risley are missing for the remainder of 1846 but commence again in January 1847. For those who have recently come to the village, the Rev. Cotton Risley came to Deddington as Vicar in 1836 with his wife, Susan and their four children: Betsy (then aged 7), Holford, Johnny and Willy; Robert was born later that year. He first rented, and subsequently bought, Deddington House (now Deddington Manor) and later also the farm next door. He was a magistrate and local landowner, and 40 volumes of his diaries are in the Bodleian Library, to whom I am most grateful for permission to publish extracts in the Deddington News. As there is no DN in January, I will restart extracts next month to bring us 'up to date' by February.
(Following the story last month, Miss Pacey tells me that Park Farm was one of the last properties to lose its thatch - in the 1950s).

## ... and 20 years ago

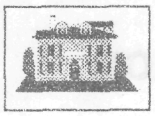
**LOOKING BACK TO DEDDINGTON NEWS - OCTOBER 1976....**

We really felt for the DN's pioneer team on reading in their second editorial that already there were criticisms of "*use or misuse of ratepayers' money*" There were even suggestions in the PC Notes that "*As the PC is funding the venture* (no longer of course) ...*copy should be submitted to them for vetting*"!! In fact the PC grant for the first issue was £4, roughly matching the income from advertising. Paper, ink and stencils cost a total of £16.20 (which certainly would not produce many of our 990 copies each issue today) and the deficit for that first issue was £2.50. Happily there were many more positive voices - and a stalwart team - or the DN's existence might have been very short-lived.

A fascinating article on "*The Oldest Public House in Deddington*" was, no, not about any of our worthy hostelries, but about our Parish Church by the then vicar, George Palmer. He wrote that in the 12th and 13th century "*Deddington was a prosperous town ... exporting such things as axles for the Coronation Coach, Harris's pork sausages and pies - still world famous...*" We learn that in those days "*the congregation was not required to concentrate on the whole service, it being only necessary to be present and silent for a few minutes during the most solemn part...*" and "*That the atmosphere was free and easy is evidenced by the employment of a dog whipper who would discourage the dogs fighting in church.*" Let's see what happens on November 3 (see 5)!

Elsewhere the Deddington Chamber of Commerce, formed 18 months earlier, was reported as "*fighting legislation that threatens to close both the Deddington High Street Garage and the Archway Garage, the Act requiring garages serving petrol to have a forecourt.*"

Changes in library hours were given (and remain valid today), and fines announced for overdue books: "*5 p 1st week or part for adults, 2 p for children*". And on the correspondence page the pros and cons of the M.40 were already being debated.

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**NAN HARRIS 338039**

## DEDDINGTON FIRE SERVICE

**Fire Calls** : A very quiet month, with only 12 calls received: 3 field fires; 1 barn fire; 1 tractor; 1 false alarm with good intent; 4 false alarms on automatic systems and 2 calls to stand by at other stations. This brings the total to 112 which is 63 less than last year.

**Recruiting** : This is at a standstill with only 1 application being processed and no one else coming forward. We haven't had a fire of any significance in Deddington for a long time; God forbid that we do, but if it happened and we were unable to turn out due to insufficient crew perhaps everyone would realise the truth of what I have been saying for the last 2 years: if a fire got hold and it was necessary to wait for the next nearest fire engine to arrive, this would mean a delay of at least 10 minutes and considerable more damage would be done. **ALBERT HUMPHRIES 338943**

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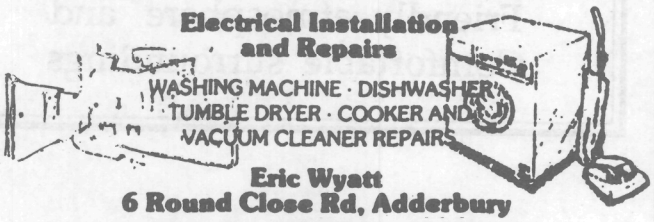

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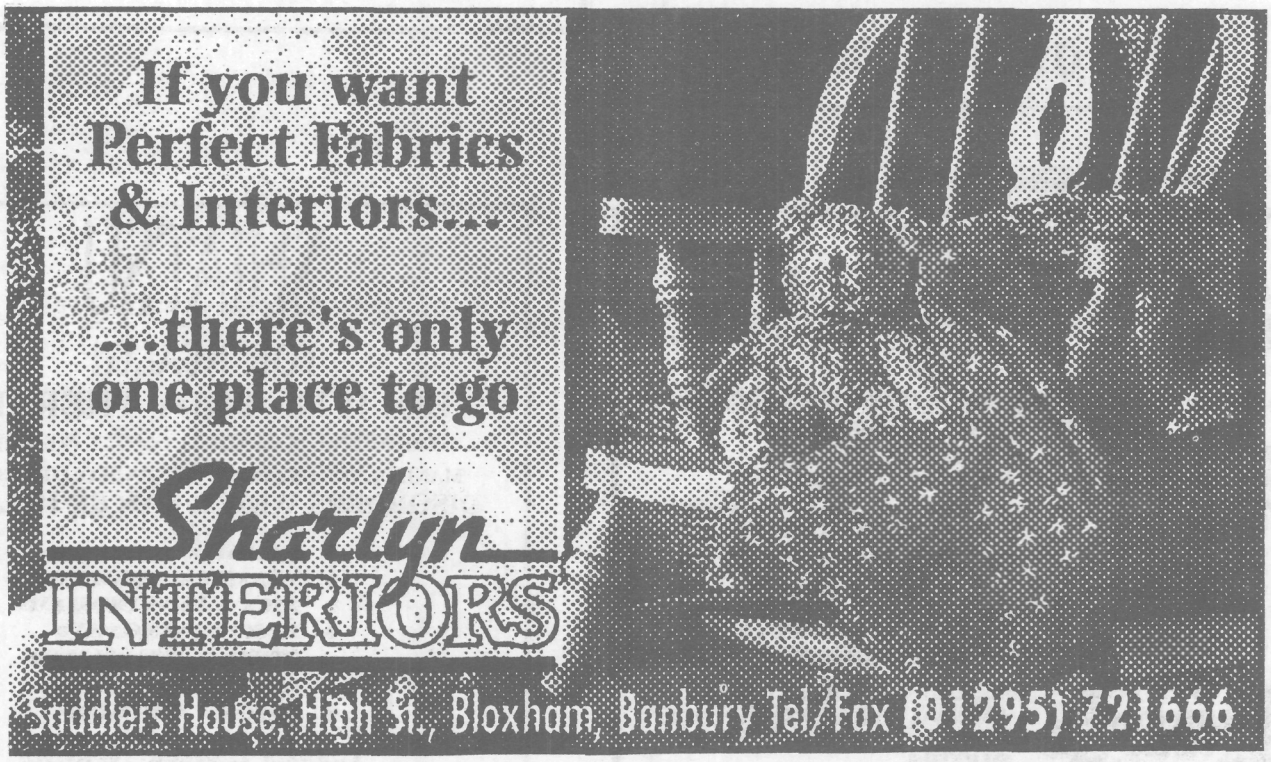

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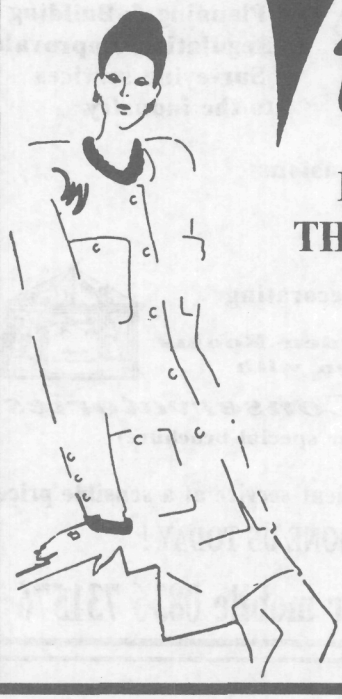

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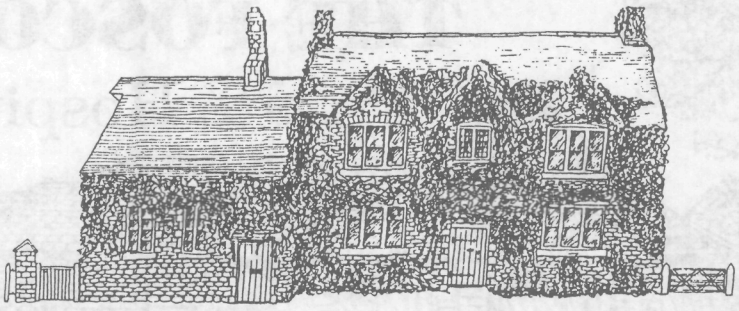

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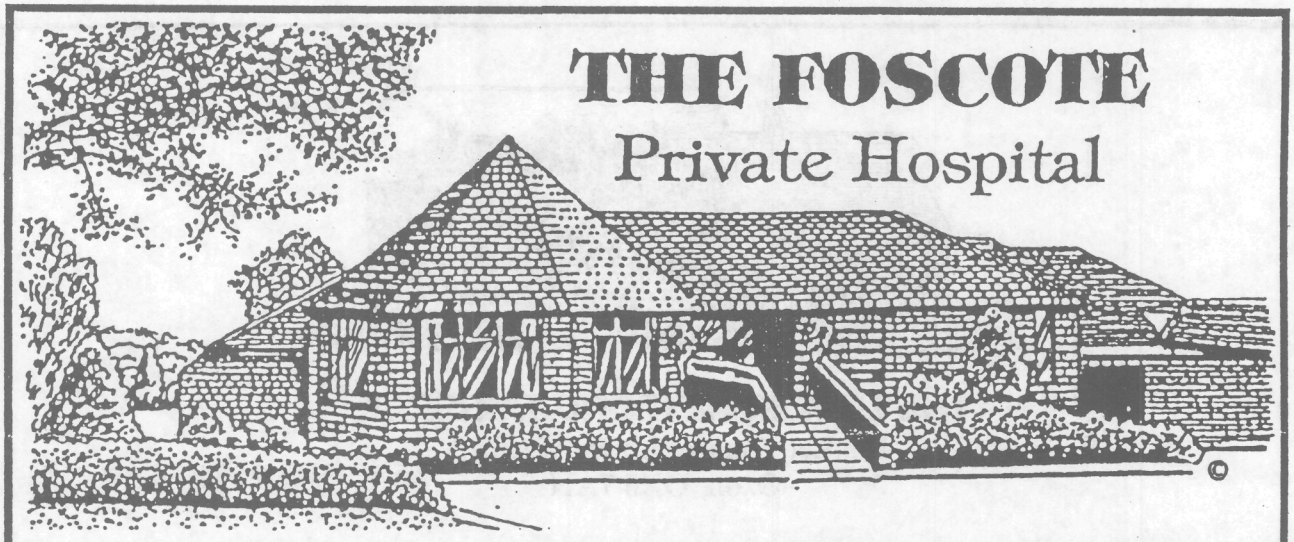

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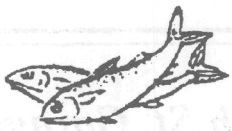

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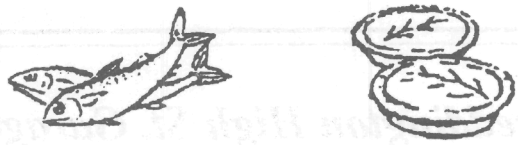

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